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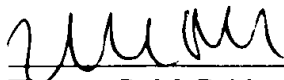
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 1.21

This paper is filed in response to the Office communication dated August 29, 2002. It is respectfully requested that the election below be entered with traverse and that the application be examined on the merits.

Remarks

In the action dated August 29, 2002, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 from among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a method for the regeneration of transgenic and non-transgenic plants classified in class 435, subclass 410.